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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR	)	

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

28. (Amended) A system for handling optical signals passing via optical fiber links from the point of pulse shaping, nonlinearity treatment and/or monitoring, the system comprising two or more signal handling devices according to Claim 13, inserted in one or more optical fiber links and operative to perform pulse shaping, nonlinearity treatment and/or monitoring with respect to at least one optical pulse signal.

#### REMARKS

The above amendment to the claims is being made in order to eliminate multiple dependency and for the purpose of

reducing the filing fee. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee in this case.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted, BROWDY AND NEIMARK, P.L.L.C. Attorneys for Applicant

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# VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 28 has been amended as follows:

28. (Amended) A system for handling optical signals passing via optical fiber links from the point of pulse shaping, nonlinearity treatment and/or monitoring, the system comprising two or more signal handling devices according to Claim 13 or 17, inserted in one or more optical fiber links and operative to perform pulse shaping, nonlinearity treatment and/or monitoring with respect to at least one optical pulse signal.

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## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination upon the merits, kindly amend as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claim:

--32. A system for handling optical signals passing via optical fiber links from the point of pulse shaping, nonlinearity treatment and/or monitoring, the system comprising two or more signal handling devices according to Claim 17, inserted in one or more optical fiber links and operative to perform pulse shaping, nonlinearity treatment and/or monitoring with respect to at least one optical pulse signal.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 presently appear in this case. The above amendments to the claims are being made in order to add new claims and to restore at least partly the varying scope of claims, which was eliminated by the elimination of multiple dependencies in the claims.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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